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**NEWS SUMMARY:**

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced that on March 6, 2008, the Honorable Rudolph T. Randa, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, sentenced Dennis Lee Metallo (DOB: 09/12/1960), of Kenosha, Wisconsin to a term of imprisonment of 120 months followed by a term of lifetime supervised release for the crimes of attempted enticement of a minor, attempting to cause the transport of a minor with the intent to engage in sexual activity, and distribution of child pornography.

Metallo engaged in numerous on-line computer chats with an undercover police officer from Colorado, who posed as a woman named "Marsha." During these contacts, Marsha told Metallo that she had an eight-year old daughter. Metallo discussed, in sexually explicit terms, his preference for contact with minor children. Specifically, he suggested meeting Marsha and her daughter for the purpose of Metallo engaging in sexual intercourse and other sexual activity with the daughter.

During their computer contacts, Metallo sent Marsha images and video files containing child pornography. For example, on December 5, 2006, Metallo used the Yahoo! photo sharing feature to send Marsha numerous photos containing child pornography.

Metallo sent the images to Marsha and told her to show them to her eight-year old daughter to prepare the child for sexual activity.

Metallo formulated a plan for Marsha and her daughter to fly to Wisconsin for a sexual encounter, which Metallo indicated he would photograph. Law enforcement officers arrested Metallo at General Mitchell International airport on December 27, 2006, awaiting an inbound flight from Colorado. From his automobile, they recovered a camera, sexual paraphernalia, and an overnight bag. Metallo had booked a motel room for the next several days at an area motel.

Numerous images of child pornography were recovered from Metallo's home computers.

"The Department of Justice is committed to the prosecution of those who abuse our children and endanger their lives and well-being. We are dedicated to working with federal, state and local agencies to ensure that those who try to hurt children are brought to justice," said United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic.

The successful prosecution of this case was the result of a joint investigation by the Colorado Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation, and the Milwaukee Police Department, Criminal Investigation Bureau, High Technology Unit.

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